Worshipping the goddess in this manner, a votary is enabled to neutralise the effects of all kinds of poison.

CHAPTER CCXXIV.

Now I shall discourse on Chudamani for the ascertainment of auspicious or inauspicious auguries. Having made obeisance to Gana, Soma, and the goddess, the sooth-sayer should obliquely put down three lines on the paper, in the shape of a stream of cow's urine. Then the different symbols of calculation such as the banner, camel, lion, dog, bull and the ass should be put down in the different chambers. The crow should be regarded as the eighth symbol in the diagram. Banner seen in the chamber of the banner presages thoughts about a kingdom or'wealth, Dhumra (camel) seen in the chamber of the banner presages thought about metals and gain. Lion seen in the chamber of the banner presages acquisition of wealth and gain. Dog, seen in the chamber of the banner, presages thought about a female slave and the advent of happiness'. Bull seen in the chamber of the banner presages thought about, and acquisition of, landed property. Ass seen in the chamber of the banner presages misery and sorrow. Elephant seen in the chamber of the banner presages victory and acquisition of place by the enquirer. Crow seen in the chamber of the bauaer presages loss of wealth, and thought about pain or misery.

Similarly, banner seen in the chamber of the camel,

presages pain followed by pleasure. Camel seen in the chamber of the camel presages misery due to evil propensities of the enquirer. Lion seen in the chamber of the camel foretells an anxiety about, 'and acquisition of, wealth by the enquirer. Dog seen in the chamber of the camtl